

## REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. Claims 1-11 and 19-20 have been amended, leaving Claims 1-20 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

### Statement of Substance of Interview

Int.  
5-4-07  
OK  
HFM/ob  
4-18-06

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant on March 16, 2006 and March 22, 2006. Applicant sincerely appreciates the Examiner's time and consideration. During the interviews, each of the independent claims was discussed with respect to representative Claim 11.

Applicant presented arguments along the lines of those set forth in section §102. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant proposed to amend each of the independent claims to further clarify features of Applicant's claimed subject matter. Applicant understands the Examiner to tentatively agree that the proposed amendments would overcome the outstanding rejections. The Examiner requested that the proposed amendments be presented in writing. Thus, Applicant is submitting the amendments in writing in response to the Office Action. Accordingly, the independent claims have been amended herein, as discussed during the interviews.